Federal Women's Program Managers Council
Minutes – January 13, 2005

Meeting Attendees:

Dawn Smith, DHS

Joyce Townser, DHHS/OWH

Olivia Schuckman, USDA

Dorothy Witherspoon, DOL/WB

Eunita Durant – DHS/CIS

Rita Mobury, Treasury FMS

Teresa Jones, USDA/ FSA

Iris Lomax, FAA

Joyce Freeman, EPA

Charlene Hippen, USDA/RMA

Wendy Sanchez, DOT/FMS

Virginia Clark, DHHS/OCR

Darcy Jakopchek, DHHS/CMS

Maria Rinaldi, USDA, FSA

Vivian Johnson, FEMA

Tywanna Paul, FDA

Jane Phillips, HUD

Pinkie Mason, GSA

Barbara Carter, USDA, RMA

Larry Hisle, CFC

The January 2005 meeting was hosted by Olivia Schuckman at USDA. Our guest speaker was Yvonne Keeny, the founder and executive director of Fibromyalgia Coalition International, based in Mission, KS. She gave a very informative presentation on Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Ms. Keeny suffered the effects of both of these conditions and, following her recovery, became committed to sharing helpful information to aid in the recovery of others.

Following the speaker, we proceeded with self-introductions.

Reports:

Essay Contest – Eunita Durant reported that her agency will donate books for the awardees, Joyce Townser's office will provide plaques, and Laura Sechrist is helping with publicity. Dorothy Witherspoon volunteered to take pictures at the awards ceremony.

Projects:

Toiletries project – volunteers are still needed to deliver the items to the shelters. Please see the sign-up sheet for details.

Other Announcements:

We need hosts for some of our 2005 meetings. Please sign up.

Dorothy Witherspoon reported that she will be working with the Presidential Scholars Program, spending a week in Washington, DC, with 600 high school juniors and seniors.

DHS/CIS will be posting some job openings soon.

Next Meeting:

Eunita Durant will host at DHS, 850 NW Chipman Rd., Lee's Summit. Judging of essays will take place.

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